

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 474

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the organizers and participants of the Rhea County Strawberry Festival.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to specially recognize those annual events that provide quality entertainment and whose organizers and contributors are dedicated to upholding community unity; and

WHEREAS, beginning as a one-day event, the first Rhea County Strawberry Festival was held on May 24, 1947; due to its tremendous success the Strawberry Festival has expanded to a week-long event; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the Strawberry Festival honors the Strawberry industry of Rhea County which began in 1898; and

WHEREAS, Rhea County was once considered the Strawberry Capitol of the World, and the Strawberry Festival attracts 20,000 people from across this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, held in Dayton, Tennessee, the 2005 Rhea County Strawberry Festival will span from May 10<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Marshals for the 2005 Strawberry Festival Parade are former Strawberry Queens, Janice Toews ('59), Imogene Whaley Sherrill ('60), Frances Francisco Dryden ('61), Carolyn Gann ('62), Mary Lou Walber Pierce ('63), Patricia Ann Settle ('64), Vicki Hurd Bartholimew ('65), Bonnie Chair Barrett ('66), Brenda Joan Seal Kemp ('67), Janice Sproles Poe ('68), and Mary Susan Cox ('69); and

WHEREAS, a treasured event in this State, the Rhea County Strawberry Festival provides wholesome family entertainment and fun; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED  
FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor the Rhea County Strawberry Festival and offer  
our gratitude to its organizers and its participants for their many contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.